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Simsbury Public Library Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of December 13, 2004 meeting

Present - Carol Bingham, Ann Erickson, Babs Gardner, Bert Kaplan, Gail Ryan, Sue Bullock, Director

Chairman Carol Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Bert Kaplan moved that the minutes to the November 15, 2004 meeting be accepted. So moved.

There were no added agenda items or public audience.

Committee Reports - Public Awareness Committee report from Bert recounting handing out flyers in front of shops in town. Bert also reported that he and Joel Mandell had met with Paul O'Sullivan of Nancy Johnson's office to discuss the availability of federal grants.

Director's Report -Mrs.Bullock has talked with Mary Louise Jensen, the State Library Board consultant. She was told the square footage of our building project could not be reduced below 42,000 sq. ft. because then it would not meet our required needs. The layout may change so long as the building program and square footage do not. And although the construction cannot be phased in, it is possible the funding could be. Mrs. Bullock also told of several fundraising efforts underway.

It was decided to write a letter to the Friends of the Simsbury Library regarding fundraising. After more discussion, the following motion was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously:

It is the consensus of the Library Board that fundraising will offset a small portion of the Town's financial commitment to fund the expansion of the Library.

On Wednesday December 8, 2004, Mrs. Bullock, Carol Bingham and Jennifer Keohane met with David Desplanes of the University of Hartford and Fred Wergeles at the request of Lou George, chairman of the Town Economic Development Committee for a presentation of our expansion program. On Thursday, December 9, 2004, Carol and Jennifer presented the program to the Economic Development Committee, including Chairman George. It was Carol's feeling that they were really unaware of what the library can offer.

The Wednesday December 15, 2004 special meeting of the Board of Finance with the Boards of Selectmen, Education and Library was discussed centering on our attendance.

It was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously that a letter be sent from our chairman to the chairman of the Public Building Committee requesting to be put on their agenda as soon as possible.

Eileen Higham of the Charter Revision Committee will attend our next meeting.

The following dates were decided upon for the 2005 year. Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of the month.. The meetings will be held in the Joan C. Barnes Conference room of the Library at 7:15 pm.

January 10, 2005 (second Monday); February 14, 2005 (second Monday); March 21, 2005; April 18, 2005; May 9, 2005 (second Monday); June 20, 2005; July 18, 2005; August 15, 2005; September 19, 2005; October 17, 2005; November 14, 2005 (second Monday); December 12, 2005 (second Monday); January 9, 2005 (second Monday).

At 9:10 Ann Erickson moved for adjournment, Gail Ryan seconded. So moved.

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Babs Gardner, acting secretary

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